HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTY COMMISSION

Jonathan Foltz, Chairman Kevin Quinlan Colleen Fawcett Matthew Kehoe Helen Whitten Alternates Allison Sanders Harriet "Scotty" Taylor



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Tuesday October 8, 2013- Meeting Minutes 7:30PM Old Town Hall

I. Vice Chair Quinlan called the meeting to order at 7:35PM and seated alternate member

Sanders. Present were Quinlan, Kehoe, Whitten, Sanders and Fawcett.

II. Vice Chair Quinlan made a motion to approve June 2013 meeting minutes and public hearing minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Ongoing Business:

- A. Demolition requests:
 - 64 Forest Lane there were no objections
 - 8 Seeley Road there were no objections
- B. A draft of literature/Information for homeowners in Historic Districts was presented by Commissioner Sanders and discussed. The information was user friendly and addressed most questions that have been raised, or may be raised by homeowners living in Historic Districts. A final draft will be presented at our next meeting and then they will be given to property owners in all historic districts and posted on the town website.
- C. Historic District updates there were none.
- D. Website contact Fawcett will continue to pursue obtaining a general email contact

- address for the commission on the town website.
- E. Review commission terms / needs currently we are up-to-date on membership and awaiting RTC appointment of an alternate which remains in process.

IV. New Business

P & Z has proposed changes to two of the regulations regarding adaptive use of historic structures. Commissioner Sanders provided copies of the proposed adaptive use regulation changes for discussion, comments included:

- 1. Believe that a comprehensive review of the regulations was due (last done in the 1970's)
- 2. Commissioners were pleased that the proposed regulation changes continue support preservation efforts of the unique historical landscape of our town along Route 7, which is at risk for overdevelopment.
- 3. Since the commissions charge is to preserve and where possible enhance the historic and architectural character of the Town's historic resources, the commission decided to send a letter in support of the proposed adaptive use changes which seem to strike a balance between preservation and modern use of historical structures, highlighting the importance of preserving the unique historical and architectural landscape of Route 7 in Wilton.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at Old Town Hall 7:30PM.

Mark calendars for next meetings: December 10, January 14, February 11, and March 11.